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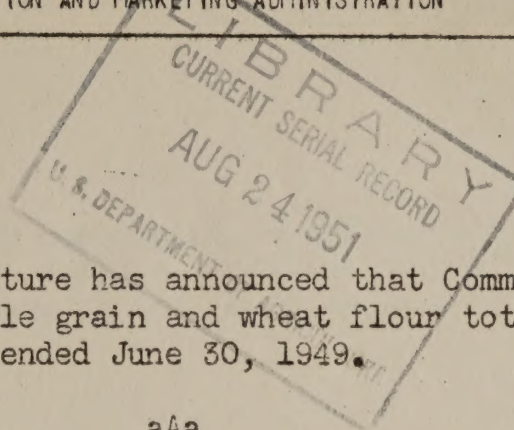
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July 14, 1949

The U. S. Department of Agriculture has announced that Commodity Credit Corporation supply-program purchases of whole grain and wheat flour totaled 429,321,029 bushels during the 1948-49 fiscal year ended June 30, 1949.

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The Agricultural Conservation Program is in operation in every agricultural county and community in the United States under the direction of locally elected farmer committees.

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In the first half of 1949, farmers sold more produce, but received less for it than in the same period a year earlier, the AAA reports.

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Use of electricity by rural people served through the Rural Electrification Administration program has nearly doubled in the last two years, the Department of Agriculture announces.

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The Agricultural Conservation Program is a cooperative effort to build up and maintain the soil to assure continued production.

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The Department of Agriculture and the Maritime Commission have announced that some ships from the reserve fleet will be used for emergency grain storage under a plan agreed upon jointly by the two agencies.

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The Department of Agriculture announces that wheat support rates at terminal markets will be 2 cents a bushel higher than stated in its preliminary announcement. Final rates range from \$2.16 to \$2.38 a bushel for 1949 crop No. 1 wheat stored in eligible warehouses at specified terminal markets.

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July 18, 1949

During the first 5 months of 1949 per capita consumption of eggs has been running very close to the quantity consumed during the same period last year, and if consumption continues at the same rate it will again exceed 380 per person, the AAA reports.

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The investment the United States is making in conservation is paying off, and a substantial share of the dividends are going to the consumers of the country, the AAA emphasizes.

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The number of cattle on feed for market in the 11 Corn Belt states on August 1 this year is estimated to be 24 percent larger than the relatively small number on August 1, 1948, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports.

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Congress has authorized \$285 million dollars for the 1950 Agricultural Conservation Program as compared with \$265 million for 1949.

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A total volume of crops second only to 1948 continues in prospect for 1949, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics announces.

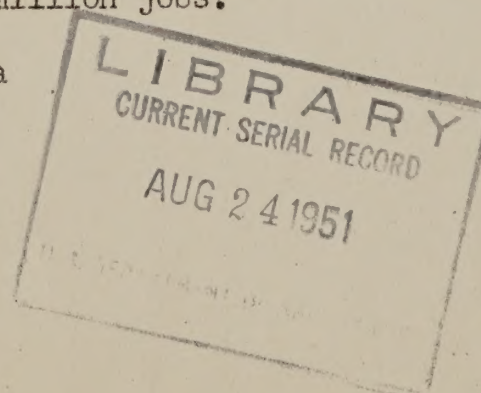
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The Agricultural Conservation Program has proved a sound and practicable way of getting needed conservation work done.

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Secretary of Agriculture Charles F. Brannan emphasizes that business and labor are vitally concerned by the level of farm prosperity, and points out that farm spending this year will pay salaries for nearly 9½ million jobs.

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July 18, 1933

During the first 5 months of 1933 per capita consumption of eggs has been running very close to the quantity consumed during the same period last year, and it continues to be so. The quantity of eggs consumed in the first 5 months of 1933 was 1,000,000,000 per person, the same as in the first 5 months of 1932.

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FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE: Congress has recently passed legislation which will permit a considerable increase in the number of counties which will have Federal Crop Insurance available for 1950. This action according to J. E. Kasper, State Chairman of the Production and Marketing Administration will permit an increase in North Dakota in the number of counties having both wheat and flax insurance. There has been no decision yet as to the identity of the counties that will be added under the program, but a selection of counties will be made in the near future.

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July 21, 1949

Aggregate 1949 crop production, based upon current forecasts, may be 31 percent above the 1923-32 average, exceeded only by the record set last year, the AAA reports.

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Secretary of Agriculture Charles F. Brannan has announced that no wheat marketing quotas will be proclaimed for the 1950-51 marketing year.

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Widespread adoption of safer ways of working and living and a continuing drive against practices which endanger farm people in their homes, in the field, and on the highways were urged by President Truman in proclaiming the sixth observance of National Farm Week, July 24-30, 1949.

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The U. S. Department of Agriculture reports the following foods on the August plentiful food list: Apples, peaches, pears, fresh plums and prunes, cantaloupe, cabbage, lettuce, onions, tomatoes, eggs, chickens, fish, and peanut butter.

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An estimated 1,586,000 acres of rye will be harvested for grain this year, which is 24 percent smaller than the harvested acreage in 1948, and 45 percent below the 10 year average, the AAA announces.

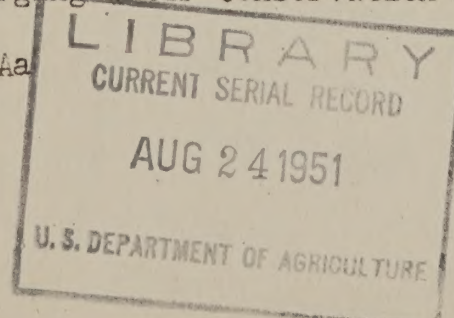
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Producers may borrow up to 85 percent of the cost of farm storage structures to be constructed or purchased under the Government's farm storage facility program, the AAA announces.

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It takes from 7 thousand to nearly 19 thousand gallons of water to produce a bushel of wheat, the AAA emphasizes in urging water conservation measures.

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July 28, 1949

The U. S. Department of Agriculture has announced a program for the support of producer prices of live turkeys at a national average price of about 31 cents a pound.

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Fumigation of farm-stored wheat at the right time will do more to prevent damage from insects than any other measure, entomologists of the Department of Agriculture advise farmers.

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The farmer's share of the consumer's dollar spent for farm food products dropped below the one-half mark to average 49 cents for each of the two months, April and May, 1949, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics announces.

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Farmers are advised that compliance with wheat acreage allotments will be necessary if they want the protection of Government price supports on their 1950 wheat crop, the AAA advises.

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Stocks of grass and legume seed acquired by the Government in recent years, have, with the exception of alyce clover, all been distributed for use by farmers, reports the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

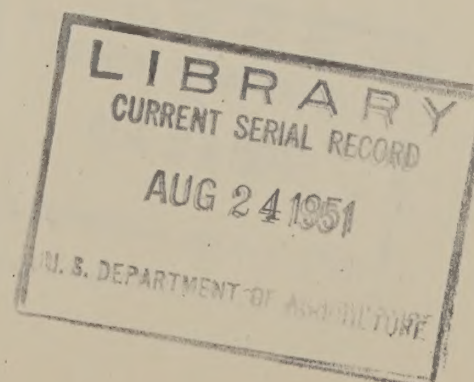
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The Agricultural Conservation Program encourages farmers to carry out practical measures for checking erosion and conserving moisture.

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A record 1,239 million bushels of corn, nearly 37 percent of last year's crop, still occupied cribs and bins on the nation's corn farms on July 1, the U. S. Department of Agriculture reports.

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July 22, 1949

The U. S. Department of Agriculture has announced a program for the support of farm prices of live turkeys at a national average price of about 51 cents a pound.

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Estimates of farm income show that the farm family will do more to increase income from income than any other measure, and that the U. S. Department of Agriculture advises farmers.

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The farm's share of the consumer's dollar spent for farm food products dropped below the one-half mark in average 48 cents for each of the two months, April and May, 1949, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics announced.

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Farmers are advised that compliance with wheat acreage allotments will be necessary if they want the protection of Government price supports on their 1950 wheat crop, the AAA advises.

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Books of prices and income and reports by the Government in recent years, have, with the exception of those already, all been distributed for use by farmers, reports the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

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The Agricultural Conservation Program encourages farmers to carry out rotational measures for checking erosion and conserving soil.

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A record 1,732 million bushels of corn, nearly 37 percent of last year's crop, still occupied the nation's corn lands on July 1, the U. S. Department of Agriculture reports.

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August 4, 1949

The Production and Marketing Administration announces that the 1950 Agricultural Conservation Program will stress increased emphasis on conservation use of all farmland.

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Carryover stocks of wheat in all positions on July 1, 1949 were about 293 million bushels; rye stocks totaled about 8.3 million bushels, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics announces.

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The general crop outlook in Europe, in spite of dry hot weather in Western Europe, from mid-June to mid-July continued to be relatively favorable according to a survey of the Department of Agriculture.

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By using less land to produce currently needed crops, farmers can build up more of their land as a reserve for the future, the AAA emphasizes.

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Young chickens raised on farms in 1949 are estimated at 748,671,000; 17 percent more than were raised in 1948 and 4 percent less than the 1938-47 average, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics announces.

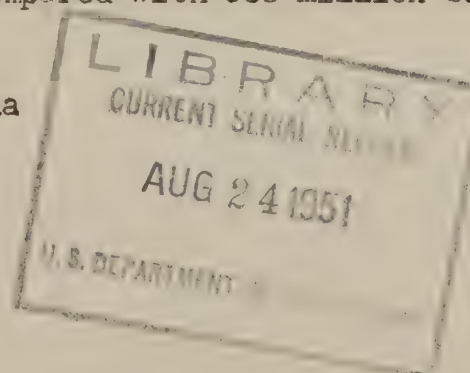
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The second largest corn crop of record in the United States will be produced this year if present favorable conditions continue, the AAA reports.

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U. S. grain exports during the 12 months, July 1948 - June 1949, is estimated at an all time record of 686 million bushels, compared with 588 million bushels in 1947-48, the AAA announces.

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August 11, 1949

Per capita food consumption by United States civilians in 1949 probably will not be much different from last year, but 10 percent above the 1935-39 level, the AAA reports.

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The U. S. lamb crop of 1949 totaled 18,906,000 head, about a million head or 60 percent smaller than 1948, and the smallest on record since 1924, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports.

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A greater production of meat and meat animals along with lower prices is in prospect for the coming year, the AAA announces.

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The U. S. Department of Agriculture has announced that it will continue for the month of September to support egg prices in the Midwest at levels reflecting an average price to producers of at least 35 cents a dozen for shell eggs.

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The national wheat acreage allotment of 68.9 million harvested acres in 1950 is an acreage which, on the basis of the national average yield, would produce 1,110 million bushels, the AAA reports.

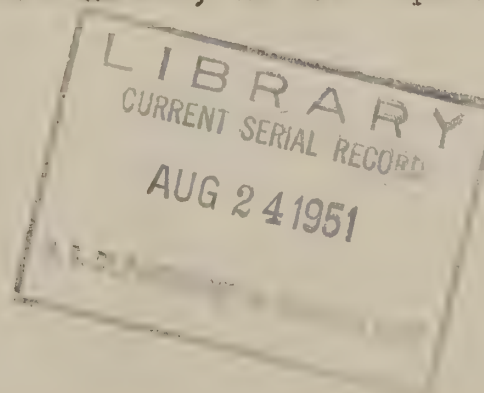
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The Agricultural Conservation Program provides assistance to help farmers put acres diverted from cash crops to valuable conservation use.

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Midwest farmers placed 453 million 814 thousand bushels of 1948 crop corn under loan and purchase agreement before the June 30 deadline, the AAA reports.

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August 25, 1949

During the fiscal year July 1948-June 1949 USDA distributed approximately 450 million pounds of farm commodities, valued at \$50 million through state agencies to School Lunch programs, institutions and welfare families.

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Farm real estate taxes per acre averaged about 8 percent higher in 1948 than in 1947, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics announces.

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The cost of transporting farm products from farm to consumer in the United States now amounts to more than 2 billion dollars a year, according to figures released by the Marketing and Facilities Branch of the Production and Marketing Administration.

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"It is not enough for Congress to authorize farm programs, and for an agency in Washington to outline the details and make them available. The farmer must help make the programs work...." Ralph S. Trigg, Administrator, Production and Marketing Administration.

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Marked decreases in the size of the 1949 lamb crop show in the Western states which were hit by severe storms last winter, the AAA reports.

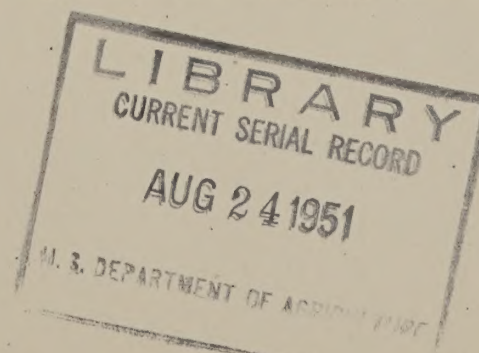
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Secretary of Agriculture Charles F. Brannan recently stated that the trend in farm purchasing power over the past 18 months has been downward, and the time has come when we must have a price-support program that will prevent farm buying power from declining to a point of danger to national economic stability.

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To control erosion and to build into the soil resistance to blowing and washing, crops with a heavy ground cover and good root systems are needed, the AAA emphasizes.

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BIG FLAXSEED CROP IN EXCESS OF NEEDS: Although prospects for the 1949 flaxseed crop deteriorated somewhat during the month of July, it now appears that production will approach 42 million bushels - substantially in excess of the 1949 goal of 26.7 million bushels, J. E. Kasper, chairman of the State Production and Marketing Administration Committee said today.

"North Dakota growers have planted an estimated 1,722,009 acres of flax for harvest as seed this year as compared with the State goal acreage of 1,015,000 acres," Kasper states.

The chairman calls growers' attention to the huge carryover of 18 million bushels from last year's record crop. In addition, the Commodity Credit Corporation has about 365 million pounds of linseed oil from its 1948 support price program. This makes a total of approximately 36 million bushels of flaxseed equivalent.

With excessive supplies in prospect, the President, on July 1, signed a bill authorizing the continuation of import controls over fats and oils until June 30, 1950. This action enables the Department of Agriculture to limit imports of flaxseed and linseed oil until that date, Kasper points out.

In addition, on June 1, 1949, the President announced that the previously existing abnormal condition with respect to international trade in flaxseed and linseed oil had ended. Therefore, he restored the import duty on flaxseed to 50 cents per bushel as compared with the emergency rate of $32\frac{1}{2}$ cents per bushel.

The Department is presently considering means of bringing flaxseed production more in line with requirements, the chairman explains. Among the devices under consideration is the use of acreage allotments on the 1950 crop.

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